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CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET APRIL 25 *Agenda Includes Internal Business and Organization*

Washington, DC – The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold its first meeting on April 25, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., at the Commission's Headquarters Building, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. The Committee will address matters of internal business and organization, including the establishment of working groups and subcommittees, and will consider various consumer issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The meetings are open to the public.

The CAC is chaired by Shirley Rooker, President of Call For Action, and is composed of 35 members who represent the FCC's many constituencies. The expertise and diversity of the members will provide a balanced point of view as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A list of the members is attached.

CAC's predecessor advisory committee was the Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee (C/DTAC) which had been operating for two years. The Committee was rechartered in 2002 as the Consumer Advisory Committee to reflect the broader scope of its responsibilities.

At the April 25 meeting, the Committee will address matters of internal business and organization, including the establishment of working groups and subcommittees, and will consider future committee agenda topics. The Agenda for the April 25 meeting is attached.

Future meetings of the Committee during calendar year 2003 will take place on Friday, July 11, and Thursday, November 20, at the same time and location.

The Committee is organized under, and operates in accordance with the provisions of, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988). Minutes of meetings are available for public inspection at the FCC and are posted on the Commission's website at www.fcc.gov/cgb/cac. Meetings are broadcast on the Internet in Real Audio/Real Video format with captioning at www.fcc.gov/cgb/cac and are sign language interpreted with real-time transcription and assistive listening devices

available. Meeting agendas and handout materials are provided in accessible formats. The meeting site is accessible to people with disabilities.

Members of the public may address the Committee or may send written comments to Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee.

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Members of the Consumer Advisory Committee

1. AARP, Jeff Kramer, Senior Legislative Representative;
2. Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians Economic Development Corp., Cheryl Johnson, Tribal Telephone Outreach Coordinator;
3. Alliance for Public Technology, Matthew D. Bennett, Public Policy Director;
4. American Council of the Blind, David Poehlman, Technology Access Consultant;
5. AT&T Corp., Michael F. del Casino, Regulatory Director;
6. BellSouth, Cindy Cox, Senior Director-Regulatory & External Affairs, Retail Markets;
7. Brugger Consulting, David Brugger, President & CEO;
8. Call For Action, Shirley L. Rooker, President (CAC Chair);
9. Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, Andrea Williams, Assistant General Counsel;
10. Cingular Wireless, Susan Palmer Mazrui, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs;
11. Consumer Policy Consulting, Debra Berlyn, President;
12. Consumers First, Inc., Jim Conran, President;
13. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Action Network, Claude Stout;
14. Mike Duke (representing interests of blind or visually impaired persons, licensed radio amateur operators, and management of audio information services for the blind);
15. Fight Back Foundation for Consumer Education, David Horowitz, Chairman;
16. Stephen Gregory (representing interests of persons with hearing loss and small business owners);
17. Hamilton Telephone Company, dba Hamilton Relay Service, Dixie Ziegler, Director of Relay;
18. Hometown Online, subsidiary of Warwick Valley Telephone Company, Donald Snoop, Managing Director;
19. Rebecca Ladew (representing the interests of users of speech-to-speech technology);
20. League for the Hard of Hearing, Joseph Gordon, Chair, Telecommunications Committee;
21. LTC Consulting/Teletruth, Thomas Allibone, President and Director of Auditing;
22. MCI, Annette Cleckner, Senior Manager, Consumer Affairs;
23. Media Access Group, WGBH, Larry Goldberg, Director;
24. National Association of Broadcasters, Karen Kirsch, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs;
25. National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators, Ronald Mallard, Director, Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications & Consumer Protection;
26. National Association of State Relay Administration, Brenda Kelly-Frey, TRS Administrator-State of Maryland;
27. National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Joy M. Ragsdale, Assistant People's Counsel, Washington, D.C.;
28. National Consumers League, Susan Grant, Vice President for Public Policy;

29. National Translator Association, Byron W. St. Clair, President;
30. National Urban League, Milton J. Little, Jr., Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer;
31. Mark Pranger, (representing the interests of academia and consumers concerned with telecommunication service in rural America);
32. San Carlos Apache Telecommunications Utility, Inc., Vernon R. James, General Manager;
33. Telecommunications Industry Association, Eugene Seagriff, Product Accessibility Manager, Product Safety & Compliance Division, Panasonic Technologies, Inc.;
34. Verizon Communications, Richard T. Ellis, Director, Federal Regulatory Advocacy; and
35. Linda West (representing the interests of the Native American community and other consumers concerned with telecommunication services in rural America).

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-C305, Washington, DC

Friday, April 25, 2003
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Morning Session

- 9:00 - 9:05 a.m. Welcome and Call to Order**
Shirley L. Rooker, Chair, Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)
- 9:05 - 9:10 a.m. Meeting Logistics**
Scott Marshall, CAC Designated Federal Officer, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB)
- 9:10 - 9:45 a.m. Introduction of Committee Members** (by members)
- 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Introduction of the Chairman and Commissioners**, (Chairman and Commissioners invited --schedules permitting)
K. Dane Snowden, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Overview of the Commission Priorities**
K. Dane Snowden, Chief, CGB
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. CAC Committee Goals and Objectives; Committee Operating Protocols and the Role of Working Groups/Subcommittees**
Shirley Rooker, Scott Marshall
- 11:15 - 12:00 a.m. Issues Pending Before the Commission of Interest to Consumers**
Margaret Egler, Deputy Bureau Chief, CGB
- 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch and conversation**

Afternoon Session

- 1:15 - 1:30 p.m.** **Your Responsibilities as a Federal Advisory
Committee Member**
Paula Silberthau, Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, FCC
- 1:30 - 2:00 pm.** **Web Resources for Committee Members and the Public**
Stephen Gorey, Assistant Bureau Chief for Systems, CGB
- 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.** **This is the FCC: Overview of Processes and Procedures**
Donald Stockdale, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Strategic Planning,
FCC
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.** **Establishment of Working Groups/Subcommittees and Future
Agenda Topics**
- 4:00 - 4:15 p.m.** **Comments from the Public**
- 4:15 - 4:30 p.m.** **Wrap-Up; Future Meetings**
- 4:30 p.m.** **Adjournment**